

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

**Title of Publication:** 123.jpg

**Other Known Title:** Not Stated

**Medium:** Computer Image File Printout

**Director/Author:** Not Applicable

**Producer/Publisher:** Not Applicable

**Country of Origin:** Not Stated

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

**Distributor:** Not Applicable

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive Note:** Not Applicable

**Display Conditions:** Not Applicable

**Date of entry in Register:** 25 July 2008

**Date of direction to issue a label:** Not Applicable

**OFLC No:** 800225

**Excisions:** Not Applicable

**Reasons for excisions:**

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons  
for classification:**

The computer image file printout *123.jpg* is classified as:  
Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

The publication contains a sexual image of a child or young person. The pose focuses the viewer's attention on the girl's naked body and especially on her developing breasts and genitals. A sexual reading of the image is unavoidable. Its purpose is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children or young persons. By presenting a sexualised image of a young girl, the publication encourages this sexual interest and legitimises the idea that it is appropriate and acceptable for adults to become sexually aroused by children and young persons. Such images also advance the idea that children and young persons are ready for adult forms of sexual activity.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.